



Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D. C. 20554

In the matter of
Amendment of Section 73.202 (b),
Table of Allotments
FM Broadcast Stations
(Ridgecrest, California)

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PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

To the Chief, Allocations Branch:

Dana J. Puopolo ("Petitioner") respectfully requests the Commission initiate a rulemaking proceeding for the purpose of considering amending Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's rules. In support whereof the following is stated.

2. Petitioner proposes the Commission allot **FM** channel 252A to Ridgecrest, California as its third commercial FM service. This would require amending Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's rules as follows:

<u>Community</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Ridgecrest, CA	22481, 28561	224B1, 252A, 28581

3. Ridgecrest is an incorporated city located in Southern California. It is located in Kern County. In 1990, the United States Census Bureau estimated Ridgecrest had a population of 27,725 persons.

4. FM channel 252A can be assigned to Ridgecrest in full compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements. This is illustrated in Table A below, which lists stations and assignments within 240 kilometers. Coordinates used are N 35:39:19, W 117:48:06 and are located approximately 11 km West of Ridgecrest. This site restriction is necessary to prevent a short spacing with station KRXV, Yermo, CA. Petitioner is confident he can find a suitable transmitter site for this allotment if it is assigned as proposed.

5. Petitioner, or an entity with which he is affiliated, intends to apply for a construction permit to activate channel 252A if it is assigned to Ridgecrest as proposed. If his application is granted, he shall promptly construct and operate the proposed station.

6. Petitioner hereby verifies and affirms that the statements given in this petition for rulemaking are his, and are accurate to the best of his knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,

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TABLE A

Spacing **study for FM** channel **252A**, Ridgecrest, CA

<u>Channel</u>	<u>Station</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Spacing(Km)</u>	<u>Reauired Spacing(KM)</u>
249A	KWS	Mojave, CA	82	31
249A	KSMJ	Shafter, CA	134	31
249A	Alloc.	Lone Pine , CA	105	31
2508	KLAX-FM	E. Los Angeles, CA	169	113
2508	KMGV	Fresno, CA	215	113
250A	PRM	Pahrump, NV	170	31
251A	PRM	Kernville, CA	72	72
2518	KXRV	Yermo, CA	114	113
25281	KDAR	Oxnard, CA	201	143
252A	KRCV	W. Covina, CA	166	115
252A	KHRN	Huron. CA	216	115
2538	KWXY-FM	Cathedral City, CA	235	113
25381	KDFO-FM	Delano, CA	115	96
2548	KYSR	Los Angeles, CA	179	113
2558	KSOF	Dinuba, CA	150	113
255A	PRM	Trona, CA	45	31